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material relating to each period is arranged in two parts: the first furnishes a brief introduction to the history of the period and to the material relating to it or originating in it; the second gives an outline of the material, arranged chronologically.

The preparation of a work of this kind requires time. Professor Creelman worked fifteen years or more on his task, and there is abundant evidence to show that he made a careful study of all important contributions in the field of Old Testament introduction. His references to literature are confined to works in the English language, but this is no disadvantage in a book intended for the nonexpert, especially since there are enough books on biblical subjects written in English to constitute an excellent working library. Great care is exercised by the author, so that the reader may rest content that he has before him a fair and accurate summary of the discussions and conclusions of other scholars. Moreover, the author possesses a well-balanced historic sense; and after presenting all sides of a question he usually allows the student to draw his own conclusions. There are, indeed, times when one wishes the author had expressed his own opinion a little more definitely.

The volume is scarcely suitable for use as a textbook in the ordinary sense of that term. The peculiar arrangement of the material would make it difficult for the ordinary student to follow the discussion, and the abundance of details might prove confusing. Its real value will be as a reference book, for which it is well adapted. It is a storehouse of critical, historical, and chronological material and should receive a warm welcome from all students of the Old Testament who wish to acquire an intelligent appreciation of the Old Testament from the modern point of view.

A History of the Christian Church. By Williston Walker. New York: Scribner, 1918. Pp. xiii+624. \$3.00.

In a volume of 624 pages Professor Walker compresses the entire history of the Christian church. The subject is divided into seven periods. The first period is from the beginning to the gnostic crisis; the last the transition to the modern religious situation. Each of these periods is subdivided into from eleven to twenty topics which embrace the leading emphases of the period. The dates are distributed through the narrative, so that the reader will feel the need of fixing them as he reads, for there are no convenient summaries.

The volume is closely packed, but the author's breadth of sympathy and mastery of the subject have enabled him to keep the connections of cause and effect, and so to present a well-balanced, enticing, and readable story.

The work is entirely ecclesiastical. The author evidently felt that the complexity and vastness of his material would not permit him to take into account the contemporaneous social and political movements and their relations to the development of the church.

There are four good maps, thirteen pages of bibliographical suggestions, and an excellent index.

Beginnings in India. By Eugene Stock. New York: Macmillan, 1917. Pp. iv+124. \$0.80.

The purpose of this little book is a rapid sketch of Anglican missions in India. Incidentally the missions of other communions are noticed with due appreciation. Dr. Stock begins with the founding of the East India Company in 1600 and the first mission, and traces the steps and ramifications of Anglican missions, such as the first bishop, the first educational mission, the first Indian clergy, divinity colleges, medical missions, first work among women, and ends with a chapter on "First Steps toward an Indian Church." He recognizes the difficulties of denominationalism in foreign missions. At present he thinks there is no way of overcoming them entirely, but in the meantime there should be a large spirit of brotherhood and co-operation among all communions, and thus the asperities of denominationalism will be mitigated and progress will be made toward the elimination of these asperities.

The book puts the whole story within easy reach of missionary workers.

Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. With notes and Introduction (Cambridge Bible.) By W. E. Barnes. Cambridge: University Press, 1917. Pp. lx+118 and xv+27. 2s. 6d.

This little volume is quite worthy of the series in which it takes its place. It has the faults of the small popular commentary, but scant discussion of the Hebrew text, and too slight recognition of certain difficulties in exegesis with the various solutions advanced; indeed, in this latter regard it fails to attain even the standard of many of its sister-volumes. In addition its detailed exposition fails rather conspicuously at times to give the local background of thought necessary to a true understanding of certain passages. Yet none the less it is for its purpose a highly commendable work. The critical position adopted is one of sane moderation. Throughout the editor refuses to be stampeded by mere clever theories; in particular is this noticeable in his brief but incisive discussion of the metrical system of